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**SHIH-YEN-CHEN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
UNDER CONSTRUCTION
HUPEH PROVINCE
CHINA**

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SHIH-YEN-CHEN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX HUPEH PROVINCE, CHINA

1. The Shih-yen-chen Industrial Complex was nearing completion when observed on photography. When complete, the complex will be one of the Communist China's largest industrial areas. It is part of the increased industrial development and production capability in southeast China.

2. The complex is located in several natural valleys approximately 50 nautical miles (nm) west-northwest of Kuang-hua at 32-38-40N 110-46-45E (Figure 1). Rail service will be provided by the Wu-han to Chung-king rail line* which is still under construction. Electrical power may be provided by the Kuang-hua Hydropowerplant and Dam, 37 nm east of the industrial complex.

3. The complex consists of eight industrial areas and a main housing and support area. Construction was started and continued at a slow rate. The complex was not covered again by clear photography when it was evident that the rate of construction had accelerated. The complex was nearing external completion when observed on photography.

Main Housing and Support Area (32-38-40N 110-46-45E)

4. The main housing and support area is in the east-central portion of the complex and contains approximately 15 administration buildings and 380 housing units. At least 160 additional housing units are outside of the main housing and support area.

Industrial Area A (32-38-30N 110-40-55E)

5. This area (Figure 2) is 5.5 nm west of the main housing and support area and contains one

*CIA, Chart 500135, Communist China--Railroads, Feb 71 (SECRET)

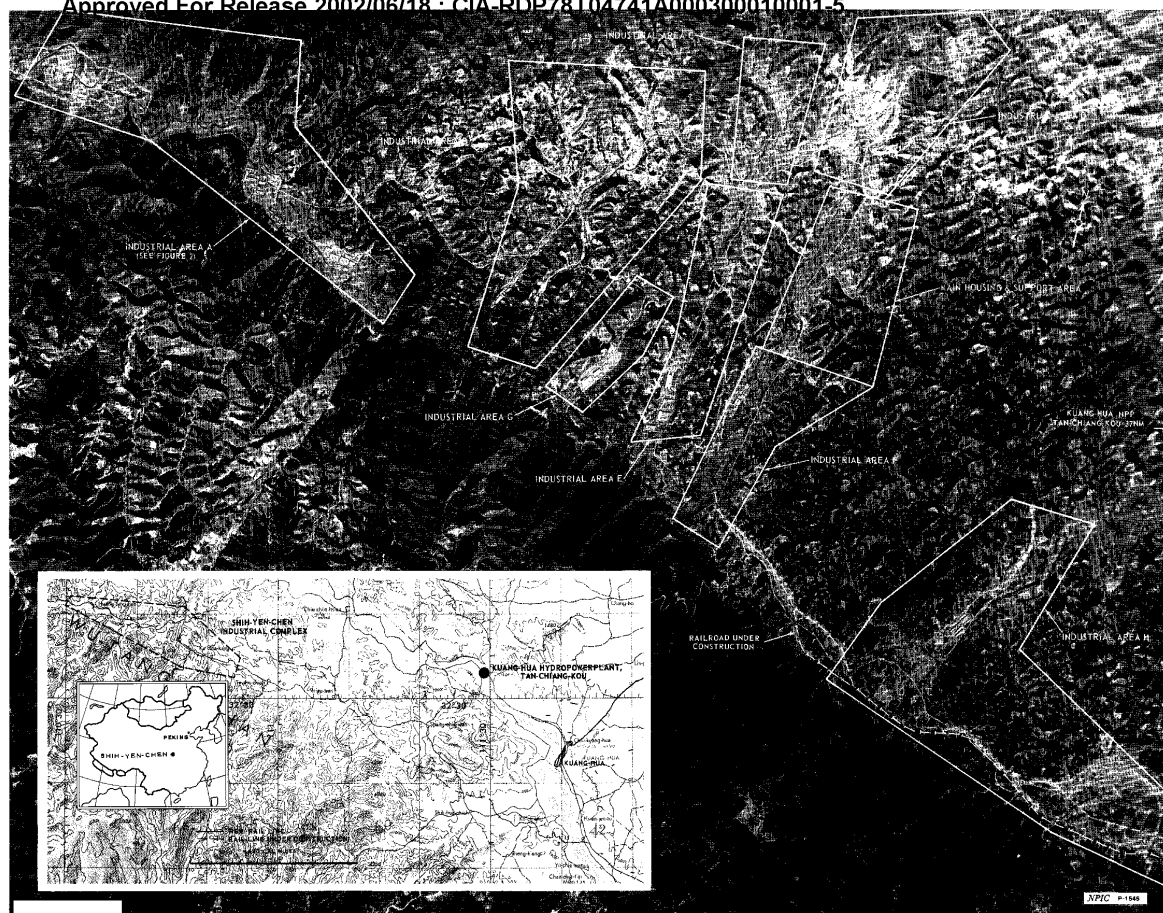


FIGURE 1. SHIH-YEN-CHEN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, HUPEH PROVINCE, CHINA

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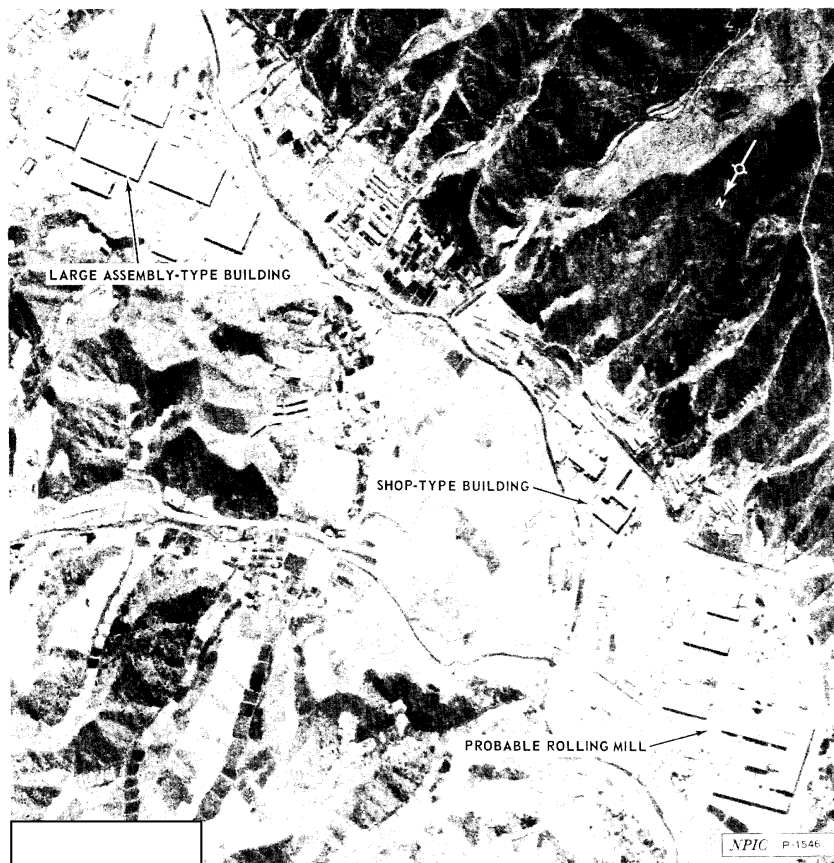


FIGURE 2. SELECTED SECTION OF INDUSTRIAL AREA A, SHIH-YEN-CHEN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, CHINA

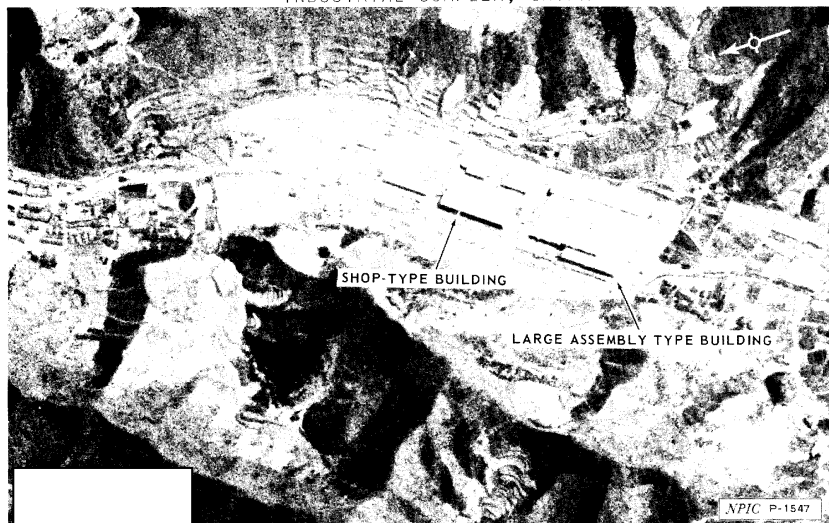


FIGURE 3. INDUSTRIAL AREA G, SHIH-YEN-CHEN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, CHINA

probable rolling mill, six large assembly-type buildings, 30 shop-type buildings, and 34 support buildings. Rail construction was observed on the western edge of the area.

Industrial Area B (32-39-00N 110-44-10E)

6. Area B is 2.5 nm west of the main housing and support area and contains one probable rolling mill, three large assembly-type buildings, 27 shop-type buildings, and 48 support buildings.

Industrial Area C (32-40-00N 110-46-00E)

7. This area is 1.0 nm west-northwest of the main housing and support area and contains one probable rolling mill, three large assembly-type buildings, ten shop-type buildings, and 16 support buildings.

Industrial Area D (32-40-00N 110-47-10E)

8. Located 1.5 nm north of the main housing and support area, industrial area D contains three large assembly-type buildings, 23 shop-type buildings, and 134 support buildings.

Industrial Area E (32-38-15N 110-45-40E)

9. This area is 1.5 nm west of the main housing and support area and contains one probable rolling mill, three large assembly-type buildings, 12 shop-type buildings, and 46 support buildings.

Industrial Area F (32-37-25N 110-46-20E)

10. Area F is 1.6 nm south of the main housing and support area and contains two large assembly-type buildings, 18 shop-type buildings, and 52 support buildings.

Industrial Area G (32-37-35N 110-44-57E)

11. This area (Figure 3) is 2.0 nm south-southwest of the main housing and support area and contains one large assembly-type building, seven shop-type buildings, ten support buildings, and several storage/support buildings.

Industrial Area H (32-35-56N 110-49-10E)

12. Located 3.7 nm east-southeast of the main housing and support area, area H contains one large assembly-type building, 15 shop-type buildings and 50 support buildings. Rail construction was observed in industrial area H and industrial area F.

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